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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HENRY A. KISSINGER
THE WHITE HOUSE

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Subject: [redacted] Letter to Clark
MacGregor regarding Miami Herald
article on Costa Rica

In response to Mrs. Davis' request of March 2, there
is enclosed a draft reply to [redacted] for Mr. MacGregor's
signature. The background to this matter was communicated
in my memorandum to you of February 8, 1971.

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Theodore L. Eliot, Jr.
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Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Suggested reply

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State Dept. review completed

Suggested Reply

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Dear

I now have more information on the Miami Herald report of CIA meddling in Costa Rican affairs. I can assure you that the charge that the CIA was involved in a plot against the Costa Rican Government is false.

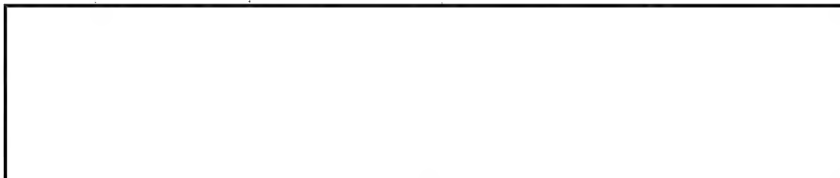
Since the appearance of this article, President Jose Figueres and Foreign Minister Gonzalo Facio have denied the allegation that any member of the U.S. Embassy was asked to leave. They also reaffirmed vigorously the cordiality of relations between our two countries.

Costa Rica most certainly deserves the affection of Americans who admire stability and progress within a democratic framework. The U.S. relationship with Costa Rica has traditionally been close, and there is every intention to keep it that way.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

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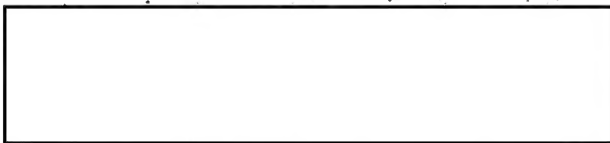
Thank you for sending me the article regarding reports of CIA involvement in Costa Rican internal affairs. The story either was not carried locally or escaped my attention. I have requested information which will enable me to send you a more substantive reply.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Clark MacGregor
Counsel to the President
for Congressional Relations

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✓ bcc: w/incoming to Dr. Kissinger for DRAFT REPLY
Mr. MacGregor's signature. Please return draft to
E. Frayer.

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Director: 3/9

The attached
is FYI. I have
also given a copy
to Tom K.

Frank

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February 17, 1971

Honorable Clark MacGregor
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Clark:

Enclosed is a news story from the Miami Herald that has had very little space or coverage in the rest of the country.

I feel quite concerned, because we have close friends and business associates in Costa Rica, and because, after a number of visits over the past six or seven years, I have come to have a great affection, admiration, and regard for this little country.

Do you know what the facts are? Do you know what the present situation is relative to the personnel in the embassy at San Jose? I have come to have some acquaintance with a number of the Latin American countries, and there is not very much being done by our government, Clark, that is winning the loyalty and friendship of these nations.

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This, I am afraid, if proved to be true, will be particularly offensive to a great many people. I do hope I may hear from you on it.

Gordially yours,

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